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Mrs. Mariene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Re: PCIA Comments WC Docket No. 11-59

Dear Mrs. Dortch

I am the Director of Planning and Assistant Town Manager for the Town of Wytheville, Virginia. It has been brought to my attention that the PCIA-The Wireless Infrastructure Association has made the allegation in this proceeding that the Town retains "consultants identified by the wireless infrastructure industry as obstructionist and problematic" to assist the Town in regulation of communications facilities. The PCIA neither contacted us about this issue nor provided us with a copy of their filing. In fact, the Town is rather surprised by this claim since PCIA has never contacted the Town about any application or made any complaint about our ordinance or the consultant retained by the Town to review applications for wireless telecommunications facilities.

Wytheville is a small, rural, historic town (population 8,211- 2010 Census) nestled in the mountainous southwest region of Virginia, and the largest municipality in Wythe County. The Wireless Telecommunications Ordinance presently in place was adopted in June of 2005, and was designed to prioritize preferred locations for telecommunications facilities and to use the services of a procured consultant to evaluate the applications so that a careful, fair, and efficient process for review and approval of applications occurs. A consultant was utilized because Wytheville cannot afford a staff person devoted to telecommunications matters or the resources to make sure a staff person can stay abreast of the rapidly changing technology and regulation in the telecommunications industry. Wytheville has received one application for a wireless telecommunications facility since the adoption of the present ordinance, and Wytheville approved the

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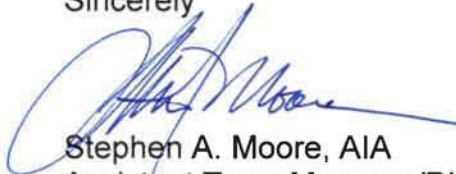
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application within 90 days. There have been numerous inquiries about location of facilities since, but the providers have chosen to locate on peaks in the surrounding Wythe County where there is no zoning and no regulation of telecommunication facilities.

Wytheville is very disappointed to be named in the PCIA's exhibit because we were under the impression that the provider or providers were satisfied with the process. We find it particularly difficult to prepare a reply to these allegations to the FCC because we do not know which provider was dissatisfied, and we did not have the opportunity to discuss the matter directly with the provider. Based on the lack of communication to the contrary, Wytheville believes that the process is fair and speedy for all concerned. Wytheville has always been, and continues to be, ready to discuss any points of contention because Wytheville wants its citizens, businesses, and industries to benefit from this technology.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen A. Moore".

Stephen A. Moore, AIA
Assistant Town Manager/Director of Planning

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